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Via e-mail: Blumenfeld.Jared@epa.gov

Dear Jared:

Our team appreciated the time that EPA Region 9 staff spent with the group of agency and company representatives on March 6, and your interest in seeing first-hand the location of the Rosemont Copper project and its relationship to the Cienega Creek Preserve area.

We hope that you and your team found our whirlwind drive and walkabout helpful in seeing the Corps-regulated drainages, proposed Rosemont facilities, and the Outstanding Arizona Waters segment, which is more than 10 miles downstream of the Rosemont Mining District. The Cienega Creek Preserve, which your team visited later in the day, is another 2-3 miles downstream of the segment we visited.

We would appreciate it if you and/or your team could share any handouts and any trip or other reports that may have been generated for or from your tours. This will prove invaluable to our team so that we can better understand perspectives and information that was shared.

Due to time constraints on March 6, we were not able to discuss the proposed protection measures that have been developed to avoid resource conflicts and impacts. These have evolved over a four-year process that included 17 agencies and numerous expert technical consultants. We therefore request an opportunity in the near future to bring our project presentation to San Francisco to present to you and your staff involved in the NEPA process and the Corps consultation. This will be the same presentation that we had hoped to present during your visit, but could not do so due to time constraints. Since this meeting would occur in San Francisco with a bit more time available, we would expect it to take an hour, followed by an hour of identification of EPA priority issues for future discussions.

Following this presentation, we would like to invite your agency representatives to attend and participate in a short series of technical briefings that will bring together discipline specialists with both expertise and experience on the Rosemont project site:

1. Water Quality and Hydrology Technical Briefing.
2. Air Quality Modeling Technical Briefing.
3. Biological and Ecological Habitat Conservation Briefing.

In addition, Rosemont will contact the USFS to arrange a meeting involving stakeholders and agencies to address potential impacts and mitigation for Native American cultural sites in the area.

We would anticipate hosting a one half-day working session every two weeks, which will allow the technical briefing sessions to be completed by early May. While we would prefer to hold these briefing sessions in Tucson, we can hold them in San Francisco, if that would be more convenient for agency staff.

The goal of these briefing sessions is to assure EPA and other agencies that your concerns and issues, as well as concerns and issues raised during the public and agency comment periods, are being addressed. The sequence proposed above corresponds to the technical work schedule to which state and federal agencies are committed in connection with their respective permitting processes, under which air, water, wildlife, and groundwater protection are regulated.

If you would be so kind as to suggest changes to this proposed schedule, or to approve as suggested, Rosemont will commit its resources to arranging these meetings.

I will contact you in a few days to determine a date for our initial meeting in San Francisco. We appreciate your involvement and guidance in assembling the team to meet with us in the near future.

Best regards,



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